



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE RECLAMATION AND MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD



PIONEER VALLEY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT

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Notice of a Public Meeting of the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District Commission

Date: Monday, August 16th 2021

Time: 2:00pm

Location: Virtual (due to the COVID-19 Pandemic) – Public welcome to join at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83825540601?pwd=bFV0akxrNk9xeit6cG9zOTJjMDlXZz09>

(Meeting ID: 838 2554 0601 Passcode: 702640)

1. Call to Order and Attendance
 - a Meeting called to order at 2:00pm.
 - b PVMCD Commissioners Carolyn Ness, Greg Lewis, Jeanne Galloway, and Merridith O’Leary in attendance.
 - c PVMCD Coordinator Chris Craig in attendance
2. Public Comment/Output
 - a No public comment.
3. Approval of meeting minutes (vote required)
 - a Vote held for the approval of the 7/12/21 PVMCD meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Greg, second by Carolyn. Passed 3-0. Merridith abstained from the vote.
4. 2021 Surveillance Updates
 - a Chris provided updates for the ongoing surveillance season, confirming a sporadic outbreak of West Nile Virus. Additionally, Pioneer Valley traps were producing large numbers of mosquitoes, likely due to the favorable climate and rainfall. No EEE detected in Massachusetts as of 8/16.
 - b A plan was made for Greg to touch base with DPH to discuss their mosquito control operations in Western Mass.
5. Supplementary Funding Updates
 - a Interest in the PVMCD from Sen. Comerford’s office is ongoing.

- b Merridith will be writing a letter to Sen. Comerford's office detailing the current roadblocks for the district, primarily dealing with the large surge in demand for membership with minimal funding.
- c The most pressing needs for the district were reiterated – office space, trucks, seasonal help, etc.

6. Mosquito Task Force Updates

- a Chris described the current plans of the task force, primarily their meeting scheduled for September 2nd. ERG Group will be presenting their findings to the task force from their report.

7. Other Business

- a No other business.

8. Date, Time, and Location of Next Commission Meeting

- a Tuesday September 7th 2021 at 2pm

9. Adjournment

- a Motion to adjourn by Carolyn, second by Greg.
- b Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.